

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of the application. Claims 1, 2, 4-16, 28 and 29 are pending in the Application. Claims 1 and 11 are independent. By this amendment, claims 19-27 and 32 are canceled without prejudice. No new matter is involved.

Reconsideration of this Application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 19-27 and 32 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,001,515 to Evans et al. ("Evans"). This rejection is respectfully traversed as moot because claims 19-27 and 32 have been canceled.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection of claims 19-27 and 32 are respectfully requested.

Allowed Claims

Claims 1, 2, 4-16, 28 and 29 have been allowed.

Conclusion

The Examiner's rejection has been rendered moot. No issues remain. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action. The Examiner is accordingly respectfully requested to place the application in condition for allowance and to issue a Notice of Allowability.

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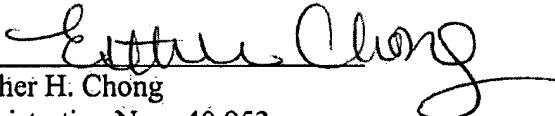
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Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert J. Webster, Registration No. 46,472 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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